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## American Legion's Annual Fiesta to Be Bigger and Better Than Ever Before

### Death of Creed in North Shocks Finance Circles

President of Columbia Steel Dies in San Francisco After Stroke

Wigginton E. Creed, president of the Columbia Steel Corporation and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and officer or director of many other important corporations, died at his home in Piedmont, near San Francisco, Saturday. Mr. Creed's physician, Dr. Fletcher Taylor of Oakland, said excessive overwork for a long period, which had weakened his vitality, was indirectly responsible for Mr. Creed's death, which followed a stroke of apoplexy suffered at noon Friday. Mr. Creed had been confined for three days, but his condition had not been alarming prior to the stroke, and his death came with shocking suddenness to financial circles.

Mr. Creed had been known as an authority on public service corporations since 1915, when as attorney for the People's Water Company, he became a vital factor in its hectic affairs. He reorganized the organization and attained its presidency, remaining at its head until 1917, when it was involved in a reorganization and merger out of which grew the East Bay Water company. He was given the presidency of the new company, and held it until 1920, when he succeeded the late Frank Drum as president of the Pacific Gas and Electric company.

In addition to his presidency of Columbia Steel and P. G. and E., Mr. Creed was president of the C. A. Hooper Foundation, president of the Contra Costa County Bank, director of the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Company, the Associated Oil Company and the East Bay Water Company. He was a trustee at the time of his death of Mills college, from 1918 to 1920 was a regent of the University of California, and for eight years was a trustee of the California Institution for the Deaf and Blind.

Mr. Creed was born in Fresno, February 8, 1877. He was graduated from the University of California in 1898, starting his practice of law in San Francisco two years later. He continued his law practice until 1922, when pressure of his other affairs forced him to abandon it. He was a member of the national, state, and San Francisco Bar Association.

Every employe, from the highest to the lowest, in the numerous companies over which he had full or partial control, looked upon Mr. Creed with respect and counted him as a friend. His knowledge of minute details of all his companies was always a matter of admiration and comment. As a speaker on utilities, he was widely sought.

The Torrance plant of the Columbia Steel Corporation was shut down all day Monday in memory of Mr. Creed.

### Mrs. Welton Named P.-T. A. Counselor

Mrs. A. F. Welton of Lomita was named counselor for the San Pedro-Lomita Parent-Teachers association district at a meeting in Lomita school yesterday. The naming of a new counselor was necessitated by the changing of the seven districts, as they have heretofore been called, to 14 councils, as they will be known hereafter.

Prior to the naming of Mrs. Welton, Mrs. Carl Hyde of Torrance nominated Mrs. A. C. Meers of Lomita for the position. Mrs. Meers, however, declined the nomination.

Twenty-two were present at the meeting, four from Torrance. Mrs. A. Z. Osborne presided.

The Women's Guild of the Episcopal church will hold a cooked food sale on Saturday, August 20. The place of the sale will be announced later.

**BILL THE BARBER SAYS**



ALL SNEAKS DON'T WEAR RUBBER HEELS BUT THEY SHOULD WEAR HEMP NECKTIES

### Observations

The President Casts His Die—"We Do Not Choose" a Nonentity for 1928—Herbert Hoover, the Man of the Hour—Dawes—Nick and Alice

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S laconic statement that he does "not choose to run for President in 1928" can be interpreted only as a decision to refuse the nomination even if it is proffered. Coolidge is a serious man, careful, cautious. For him to have said, "I will not run" would have implied that he was sure of securing the nomination if he wanted it. It would have been too assumptive.

Party leaders who for the past four years have constructed a public regard for Coolidge's sincerity and honesty will tear this edifice down if they continue to declare that the President's statement indicates only a disinclination and does not signify that he would refuse the nomination under pressure.

The Republican bigwigs since 1924 have consistently told the country that the Vermonte is not a political trickster. But now they imply that he is. They tell us that the Coolidge statement is only a "feeler," thus impugning the veracity of the man whom they have perpetually described as the personification of sincerity. Coolidge, we confidently believe, not only meant what he said, but will refuse to run. Otherwise he is a political prestidigitator of the first order, which he doubt.

IN the vernacular of the President's native Vermont "choose" means intend. Webster gives one meaning of "not to choose" as "to be unwilling." Anyone who has studied the Coolidge character must admit that when he "chooses" not to do a thing, he means that he won't do it. In his famous message to Congress he said, "I do not favor a bonus bill." He did not declare, "I will veto a bonus bill," but veto it he did despite tremendous pressure that he sign it.

IT is not our conviction that Calvin Coolidge made the best President the United States ever had. A political accident, he has done well enough, although the most notable accomplishment of his administration—economy and tax reduction, and internal encouragement of industry and foreign trade—have been possible because of the existence in his cabinet of Secretaries Mellon and Hoover, both inherited. His foreign policies, for which he alone is most directly responsible, have been blundering in China, Nicaragua and Mexico. However, withal he has not been such a failure as was his genial but weak predecessor—Harding. He can now step out of the picture at the peak of his popularity and power. Should he remain in the White House another four years he might go down in history as a complete flop, for the American people sooner or later would pierce through the veil of myth which propaganda, subtle and astutely devised, has wrapped around the dour little Vermonte as a purple cloak.

THE more intelligent Easterners, once wont to hail Coolidge as a safe, sane, able man, already have penetrated the political smoke screen and see the President now as a stubborn and arbitrary politician sourly opposed to legislation of social advisability, but a pliable yes man whenever the country's large vested interests have cracked the whip. We do not believe for a moment that the country would do well to elect such a one as Borah who seems opposed to corporations merely because they are corporations. At the same time ultra-conservatism in the White House is as dangerous as ultra-liberalism. Coolidge leans so far toward big business that he almost falls over backwards. His whole career as President is eloquent testimony to his subjugation.

TURNING away from all the little boomlets which lesser lights of the Republican party will inflate between now and next summer we see two men of outstanding merit in the G. O. P., either of whom would serve the country well as President—Herbert Hoover and Charles G. Dawes.

Neither is radical. Both have studied the past sufficiently to make them conservatives, yet neither is so unintelligent that he opposes change, when conditions warrant innovation. Hoover probably performed greater war service than any other individual except John J. Pershing. He won the respect of the whole world by his genius for organization and his executive capacity. As Secretary of Commerce he has fashioned his department into one of the most important at Washington. This work has not been of the dramatic variety to touch public imagination, but to thoughtful observers of government, his career since 1920 has constituted the best peacetime public service to the United States since Roosevelt. When Hoover took over the Department of Commerce it was little more than a bureau for the collection, compilation and distribution of statistics. He has wrought it into a cohesive organization for the promotion of export trade, the elimination of waste in industry, the promotion of American prosperity and the maintenance of reasonable profits and high wages. No task seems too great for this self-made man to tackle. In the midst of his other tremendous duties he took on the Mississippi flood job. His success in organizing relief, the sanity of his flood control report to the Pres-

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### Change in Plan Expedites Work on Big Parkway

Hollywood - Palos Verdes Parkway Plans Are Changed

The County Board of Supervisors Tuesday issued an order through the County Surveyor's office for changes in the plans of the Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway, affecting the terminal at Redondo Beach.

The County Regional Planning Commission, operating with the City Planning Commission of Redondo, approved withdrawal from the plans of a park south of Clifton and in lieu thereof have recommended that \$25,000 be spent for the beautification of the present City Park in Redondo.

Under the new plan the main Parkway from the north will enter a beautifully landscaped semi-circular area on the property of the Huntington Land Co. The Parkway structure will be continued from this area to join with the Palos Verdes system of highways to the East and South. Another branch of the Parkway will be extended to join the Esplanade at Avenue 31.

This final change is the result of co-operation between the County Regional Planning Commission, the Redondo City Planning Commission, the Southwest Organization, Inc. and the Huntington Land Co.

This development will greatly expedite completion of the Parkway project, which is certain to be of tremendous advantage to the whole Southwestern district.

The Hollywood - Palos Verdes Parkway will go directly through this community.

### Wildcats Run Wild and Win Track Contest

Girls Carry Off Junior Baseball Honors—Pet Show Ready Tomorrow

The Wildcats ran wild in the track meet held Monday at the playground. They scored 31 points while the Felix made 15, the Black Bears 14, and the Tigers 3. Jimmy Miller was high point man for the Felix with 10 points, which he picked up in the dashes. "Hank" Thompson also did his bit for the Felix.

Clifford Ruppel won the 100 yard dash for the Black Bears, while Charles Ruppel, Francis Dover and Cecil Powell also placed in the other events to pick up a few points. The Tigers picked up their points by taking third in the relay with Earl Dover, Jesse Lorain, Stanley Creighton and Charles Falkner running.

Heide Watanabe was high point man in the Wildcats with first in the 50 for boys, 12 yards or under and third in the unlimited 100 yard dash. Toshio Arushio took second in the 100, Charles Ruppel fourth and Edward Holman fifth. Horace Watanabe, Frank Watanabe and Elmer Holman did the rest of the Wildcats scoring.

The Wildcats clinched the meet by taking an exciting relay from the Black Bears. The Tigers took third and the Felix fourth.

Tomorrow afternoon will witness the pet contest at the playground. Pets of all ages, sizes, description, disposition and pedigree will be on hand to compete.

Prizes will be given to the ugliest, the best looking, the best trickster, the funniest pet, the largest and the smallest. If possible, races will be arranged and also, if possible, fighting will be avoided. The show will start at 2 p. m.

Bob Lessing, Clifford Ruppel and Harold Hammack will act as judges.

Saturday the playgrounds will be closed and instead of the usual activities, the members of the various teams will go for a picnic and swim at either Hermosa or Clifton. Baseball, football and various other games will provide the entertainment as well as swimming. The boys will take lunches and leave the grounds at 9 a. m., returning about 4:30.

The Black Bears won the baseball championship last week with the Wildcats in second place, and are now leading the league. In the Junior League, the girls' team the Bluebirds, won the title for the week by defeating the Blackbirds and the Magpies.

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## GREAT ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED

### Fiesta!



Meet Me There?

MUY CALIENTE TIME FOR 5 Days

Legion Plans Going Forward With Rush

AUG. 30 TO SEPT. 3

Big Orchestra, Vaudeville and Fun Features

### Fiesta!



Y'Betcha Life!

Muy Caliente! There are the makings of a hot time on the American Legion Fiesta lot, where Border and Western avenues meet. Between now and August 30, when the big five-day show and exposition is due to get under way, a mammoth expanse of canvas will rise to house the greatest collection of entertainment features and the biggest automobile show that Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, annually given to doing this sort of thing, has ever brought to the community.

Tentative plans call for a "big top" 360 feet long and 85 feet wide, the biggest canvas the Legion ever has stretched at a Fiesta. Work has just been started on the big automobile show feature, and already, with only part of the show arranged, more space has been taken for the display of all that is new and novel and up-to-date in the automobile world than ever before.

Citizens who attend the Fiesta, which is scheduled for August 30 to September 3—Tuesday to Saturday, inclusive—had best not plan to get home and to bed in the shank of the evening, the management warns. There is to be a midway, vaudeville, big orchestra and other entertainment features galore, to keep even the most sleepy household away from his downy couch long past the time for the Sandman's usual visit.

General Petroleum Corporation patrons are now busy on a big Fiesta sign which will mark the spot where fun and entertainment is to be had.

Large attention is being given by the Legionnaires to entertainment features of this year's fiesta. There will be a big stage at one end of the huge show tent, where an orchestra and vaudeville will hold forth. Outside, in a big semi-circle about the entrance, will be the midway, with everything to delight the heart of young and old, including a full-size merry-go-round and other thrills.

The Rotary and Kiwanis clubs are co-operating with the Legion in the entertainment plans, Sam Levy being chairman of the Rotary Fiesta committee and Al Gouder of the Kiwanis committee. The committees are working to make the midway and all of the entertainment features bright and snappy and full of pep, and at the same time are taking steps to insure that nothing objectionable shall creep in at any point. The midway will be under strict supervision.

The big parade was one of the longest and most colorful processions the Legion has ever marched down a California street. Drum corps followed drum corps and bands, and floats depicting historical events and the Legion's development added to the color of the scene. There were many thousands of spectators lined along the route of march.

Four delegates at large to the Paris convention, September 19 to 24, were elected as follows: S. A. Cappodice, Hollywood; Fred Berengall, San Francisco; H. E. Weyler, Santa Barbara; John "Pop" Fryor, Pacific Grove.

Stockton was chosen the site of the 1928 state convention. Stockton was unopposed after the withdrawal of Marysville; whose delegates announced they would go after the 1930 convention. The Stockton convention probably will be held in June.

Resolutions were adopted urging adherence to the 5-5-3 Navy bill, reinforcing the Swing-Johnson Boulder Dam bill, demanding a War Department investigation of the conditions of the officers' quarters at the various Army posts and requesting congress to remove time limits of disabled veterans' applications for compensation.

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Indorsement was given the plan to bring the national convention to Los Angeles in 1930. The following resolutions were approved:

Approving a proposed State Civil Service pension bill.

Urging Congress to pass the bill for retirement pay for disabled emergency officers.

Reaffirming Legion support of the citizens' military and reserve officers' training camps.

Exploring active opposition to national defense programs.

Prohibiting use of American Legion caps by non-members.

Thanking the State Legislative Committee for its work in the last Legislature.

Instructing the department commander to demand Armistice Day programs of all posts.

Reinforcing the National Defense act.

Recommending a bill to permit naval reserve men to re-enlist at end of reserve period without loss of credits for period away from active service.

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### Crossland Post Members Go Big in Legion Meet

March in Parade Overall Clad with Torrance Banner

The state convention of the American Legion in Santa Barbara, attended by delegates from Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, and called the greatest convention ever held by Legionnaires in California, came to an end last week with the election of Philip F. Dodson as State Commander. Dodson received one of the greatest ovations ever given a Legion member in this state.

Delegates of Bert S. Crossland Post went to Santa Barbara on the morning of August 3 in Pickwick stages, accompanying the San Pedro Post. They arrived in the convention city early in the day and hopped into their uniforms for the big parade, the major spectacular feature of the day.

"Torrance, the Industrial City," was the motif of the Bert S. Crossland Post marchers. They were dressed in overalls and black workmen's caps, and bore a banner designating Torrance as the place of industry. They were given a good hand, and Al Greiner, with a mysterious container, the contents of which were not divulged, attracted considerable attention along the line of march.

Delegates from Bert S. Crossland Post who attended the state convention were Al Greiner, J. R. Jensen, R. J. Deinger, M. J. Pix, Ben Rappaport, Harold Rasmussen, Ray Cowman and Joe Prata.

There were ovations for everybody at the big convention. Retiring Commander John F. Slavich, received a lion's share of the attention. He had just ended one of the greatest years the Legion has ever had in California.

Joseph A. Plank of Santa Ana was elected Grand Chief de Gare of the Forty and Eight, the Legion fun organization. His election was a popular one and unopposed. Mrs. Ethyl M. Hearst, past president of Victory Post Unit, Los Angeles, was elected president of the California Auxiliary Department. Mrs. Hearst served as first vice president of the Auxiliary during the past year.

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### Standard Oil Going Great Guns in Hard Boiled Oilmen's Circuit; Union Tool Holds Twilight Lead

#### BASEBALL SERIES STANDINGS

OIL FIELD LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Standard Oil	3	0	1000
Petroleum Securities	2	1	666
Tolson Transportation	2	1	666
Oil Well Supply	1	2	333
California Petroleum	1	2	333
Superior	0	3	000

  

PLAYGROUND LEAGUE				
	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Union Tool	6	0	0	1000
Pacific Electric	4	1	0	800
Globe Bakery	3	1	0	750
Firemen	2	3	0	666
Bankers	2	3	0	400
Kiwanis	1	2	1	333
Columbia Steel	1	3	0	250
Rotary	1	4	0	200
Ideco	0	4	1	000

Two postponed games remain to be played. Tolson Transportation has transferred to Oil Field League and their games are not included in above Playground standings.

### Petroleum Securities, Kiwanis Beats Rotary in Grudge Game

Petroleum Securities tore into Hi Hawkins' Tolson truck drivers in the Oil Field League Tuesday like a tribe of Indians after the w. k. covered wagon. They crashed the Tolson superstructure with enthusiasm and carried off 20 scalps. The truck pilots salvaged 7 runs out of the melee.

The lengthy Hawkins tried various combinations in an effort to halt the slaughter of his all but helpless youngsters. Bert Woods was taken from the box and slapped into right field in the fifth inning. Watson was ousted from second, to be replaced by Hall from center, and Kinnison went to center. In the sixth the shifting went on-pace, with Hall going back to the center garden, and Kinnison planting his number tens on second. The scurrying about failed to dazzle Petroleum Securities greatly, however, and the massacre went on merrily.

Jack Canterbury and Ted Deitel pulled at Lou Gehrig and a Babe Ruth on the boys, trotting out a couple of homers apiece. Hulsebus was his old self, and pitched a master game, with Lewis on the receiving end backing him to the limit. Emmet Matthews, umpiring proved himself no likely candidate for the oulet. He called them as he saw them, and both teams agreed there was nothing wrong with his eyes.

Standard Oil 22—Superior 7 With a flock of home runs that turned the diamond into a merry-go-round, Standard Oil handed Superior Oil a 22 to 7 jolt without striking many ligaments. Shorty Gunter, the Whittier wildcat, turned in a brace of homers, and Myers, (Continued on Last Page)

### Mrs. Hayden Hurt in Auto Accident

Mrs. Effie Jane Hayden, millinery instructor in this district is at her home in Los Angeles recovering from serious injuries received several days ago when the bus in which she was riding collided with a tree. Mrs. Hayden was on her way to Santa Barbara to attend a conference of vocational teachers, at the time of the accident.

Her upper jaw bone was fractured, her lower lip so badly cut that several stitches were necessary and her spine severely wrenched. For several days Mrs. Hayden was in the Monte Sano Hospital at Glendale and though greatly improved is still confined to her bed.

### Benefit Association Birthday Dinner Is Most Tasty Affair

Baked ham, Virginia style, was the piece de resistance at the Women's Benefit Association birthday dinner Tuesday evening at the Women's Clubhouse.

Those members whose birthdays occur from July to December inclusive feted the members whose natal days occur in the first six months of the year.

Out of town guests included the Deputy, Mrs. Peister of Long Beach, and Mrs. Patterson and her suite of officers from the San Pedro Review.

Frank Perkins and Robert Leasing are attending the school of law at the Southwestern university.

Rasmussen, Scott and Ulbright were shining Kiwanis stars, while Wood and MacFarland, less susceptible than some of their team-

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